Construction of new airport in Delhi

2286. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to construct a new airport near Indira Gandhi Airport in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) by when the airport is likely to be made operational ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN: (a) to (c) At present , there is no proposal under consideration of Government of India for developing another airport at Delhi.

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

2287. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that authorities propose to reduce the height of Mahendra Hills to facilitate use of full runway of Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some scientists are of the view that reduction of height of the hill may cause a quake ; and

(c) if so , what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) There is no proposal with Airports Authority of India (AAI) to reduce the height of Mahendra Hills outside Hyderabad Airport.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Loss making Airports in Gujarat

2288. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of loss making airports in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government propose to hand-over these airports to the State Government ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not . the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The loss making Airports in Gujarat are Ahmedabad , Bhavnagar, Dessa (Palampur) , Jamnager (C.E.), Kandla, Keshod (Junagarh), Porbandar, Rajkot, Vadodara (Baroda).

(b) No, Sir .

(c) Does not arise

(d) Airports Authority of India is technically and operationally better equipped to provide airport infrastructural services.

Transfer of licence of M/s Seagram Limited

2289. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

SHRI RAJU PARMAR :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Attorney-General of India has given an opinion that the Central Government are the sole authority to grant licence/ permission to foreign companies for the production of IMFL;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that M/s Seagram Limited is a foreign company and as such State Government of Maharashtra is not empowered to allow the transfer of licence of M/s Oceanic Distilleries Limited in the name of M/s Seagram; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.